



August 7, 2006

Re: Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Abuse Report Form

Agency Head,

It is no secret that methamphetamine is the number one drug concern for the State of Indiana and that data regarding its use, manufacture, and distribution is desperately needed. Eliminating the meth problem in Indiana is one of Governor Mitch Daniels' top priorities and, while clandestine lab numbers are steadily decreasing, the usage rates, devastating environmental effects, and rate of trafficked meth are continuing to rise.

In order to better combat the meth problem in Indiana accurate and reliable statewide data is necessary. The Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Abuse Report form is a statutorily (IC 5-2-6-18 and IC 5-2-16) mandated mechanism to collect and aggregate meth-related data. This information will help identify problematic areas and populations for more appropriate resource allocation, as well as identify and recognize the diligent efforts of local law enforcement agencies in the fight against meth.

With ever decreasing resources, in order to receive federal funding states must demonstrate data-driven strategies for program implementation and resource allocation. The data that your agency will provide will be invaluable to Indiana's effort to combat meth and may affect future funding for your agency. Additionally, the collected data will generate reports to Governor Daniels, the General Assembly, Indiana's Congressional Delegation, and the Citizens of Indiana. Therefore, you have my pledge that while data will be reported on a state-wide basis you will be given individual public credit for the data you submit.

Another equally important piece of data reporting is the submission of the Indiana Clandestine Laboratory Seizure Report. The El Paso Intelligence Center has given us permission to use their report form and modify it as needed, including renaming the form. Using this report form will reduce the confusion on what is a meth lab and should it be reported. Both the Methamphetamine Abuse Report and the Indiana Clandestine Laboratory Seizure Report are available in an electronic form on the ICJI web site at [www.in.gov/cji/drugfree/drugcrime/](http://www.in.gov/cji/drugfree/drugcrime/).

We look forward to receiving your data and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Drug & Crime Control Division or the Research & Planning Division of ICJI.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Michael W. Cunegin, II

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